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Arrested:

Individuals arrested July 27 in Cass County's largest drug raid since 1983 include the following:

- **Tabitha Allen Hannah**, 27, 608 E. Wabash Ave., dealing cocaine, a B felony.
- **William Allen**, 49, 1227 Chicago St., dealing cocaine, a B felony.
- **Marnetta Antunez**, 27, 312 11th St., dealing marijuana, an A misdemeanor.
- **Lana D. Army**, 45, 1401 Aster St., dealing marijuana, an A misdemeanor.
- **Richard Baker**, 41, 121 Lockwood St., selling cocaine, a schedule I drug, a B felony.
- **Brandon Baugh**, 30, 111 W. Linden Ave., conspiracy to deal cocaine, an A felony.
- **Brenda Bleeker**, 47, 1227 Chicago St., possession of precursors.
- **Kelly Buell**, 44, Lake Cicott, dealing cocaine, an A felony.
- **Tyrone Cannon**, 33, 926 16th St., domestic battery and interference with reporting a crime.
- **Tonji Coleman**, 40, 704 High St., dealing cocaine, a B felony.
- **James Cripe**, 56, 23 W. Miami Ave., dealing cocaine, a B felony.
- **Molly Dorsam**, 26, 1762 Smith St., three outstanding Cass County warrants.
- **Jamie Farmer**, 28, 227 W. Ottawa St., conspiracy to deal meth, a B felony.
- **Justina Farmer**, 23, 225½ W. Ottawa St., visiting common nuisance, a D felony.
- **Bryan Gittings**, 30, Cass County Jail, conspiracy to deal cocaine, an A felony.
- **Jamie Gross**, 26, Cass County Jail, dealing meth, a B felony.
- **Gerald Hart**, 19, 225 W. Ottawa, St. maintaining a common nuisance.
- **Kelly Hart**, 36, 225 W. Ottawa St., maintaining a common nuisance.
- **Steve Hammon**, 47, 805 21st St., possession of marijuana.
- **Corydon M. Howerton**, 26, 5632N State Road 25, dealing meth, a B felony.
- **Latasha Jackson**, 22, 1028 Woodlawn, selling cocaine, a schedule I drug, a B felony.
- **Jeremy James**, 35, 710 W. Broadway, dealing cocaine, an A felony.
- **Peter Jergins**, 37, Cass County Jail, dealing meth, a B felony.
- **Steven S. Justice**, 25, Logansport, probation violation.
- **Timothy Leeman**, 33, 1113 High St., possession of prescription drugs, a schedule II drug.
- **David M. Locke**, 31, 225½ Ottawa St., maintaining a common nuisance.
- **Shawn Melton**, 33, Monticello, dealing meth, a B felony.
- **Kelly Miguel-Mateo**, 25, 824 Crest Drive, dealing prescription medication, a schedule III drug, a C felony.
- **David Montine**, 32, 1328 Michigan Ave., dealing in meth, a B felony.
- **Orathay L. Peankhamor**, 21, 210 22nd St., dealing meth, an A felony.
- **Gabe Peterson**, 20, Lafayette, dealing meth, a B felony.
- **Charles Skaggs**, 36, 225 W. Ottawa St., maintaining a common nuisance.
- **Mickey Smith**, 31, 1320 Liberty St., manufacture of meth, a B felony.
- **Brenda Taylor**, 44, 824 Crest Drive, dealing prescription medication, a schedule III drug, a C felony.
- **Larry Taylor**, 47, 824 Crest Drive, dealing prescription medication, a schedule III drug, a C felony.
- **Rolando Torres**, 43, 100½ Linden Ave., dealing cocaine, an A felony.
- **Christine Turnpugh**, 21, 5632N State Road 25, manufacturing meth, a B felony.
- **Sergio Vyeria**, 24, Cass County Jail, dealing cocaine, an A felony.
- **Stephen M. Walts**, 34, 5632N State Road 25, manufacture of meth, a B felony, and possession of a sawed-off shotgun.
- **Laurie Werst**, 34, 1216 George St., dealing cocaine, a B felony.
- **Dennis Wildrick**, 31, Cass County Jail, dealing marijuana, an A misdemeanor.

Editor's Note: The addresses listed are last known addresses of the suspects and are provided by local authorities.

Drug raid nets 41



Pharos-Tribune photos by Kevin Lilly

ARRESTED: Brenda Bleeker is being escorted out of a residence on Chicago Street by Lt. Cathi Collins of the Logansport Police Department during Thursday's drug raid, dubbed "Bought & Paid For." Bleeker was charged with possession of precursors.

'Bought & Paid For' county's largest bust since 1983

By KEVIN LILLY
Pharos-Tribune staff writer

For 41 suspects involved in drug-related cases, the morning of July 27 likely did not go as planned.

At 4 a.m., police from the Logansport Police Department, the Cass County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police formed tactical teams and went out in the city and county to serve 34 warrants in what has been dubbed operation "Bought & Paid For."

The coordinated effort was intended to serve two purposes: to rid Logansport and Cass County of drug dealers and users and to get the attention of those in Congress wanting to cut funding for drug task forces.

"We are trying to prove a point to the federal government that this (eradicating drugs and drug dealers) is very important," said Logansport Police Chief Randy Rozzi. "We need this income to keep our drug enforcement staff going."

As of 4:15 p.m. that afternoon, there were 26 individuals from the original warrant list arrested on numerous drug charges, including dealing in methamphetamine, dealing in cocaine, manufacture of methamphetamine, dealing in marijuana, possession of precursors to manufacture methamphetamine, visiting and maintaining a common nuisance and pseudoephedrine log violations.

There were an additional 10 individuals arrested on various charges, which included possession of a schedule II drug, probation violations, domestic battery, possession of a schedule I drug and maintaining/visiting a common nuisance.

Before the day of drug busts was over, the police chief was asked if the desired message had been sent.

"It is too early to tell," Rozzi said. "I cannot possibly see it hurting. This was a great day. We got a lot of drug dealers off the streets of Logansport and Cass County. I think we definitely proved a

point on how important that drug task funding is."

Five search warrants were issued for properties located within the city limits of Logansport. Where they were served, nine individuals were arrested.

At a search conducted at 5632N State Road 25, next to Bethlehem Presbyterian Church north of Logansport, three individuals were arrested at an alleged meth lab. During the search of the house trailer, four long-barreled guns were discovered and a sawed-off shotgun. Suspected marijuana plants also were located on the premises.

First Sergeant Bob Land of the Indiana State Police Peru Post led the investigation. He spoke of what they discovered.

"We located remnants of a meth lab. We recovered several jars of liquid which we believe contain methamphetamine, a propane tank which contains anhydrous ammonia, sulfuric acid, HTL generators which are used in the process of methamphetamine. We



COLLECTED: Evidence from a suspected meth lab was collected by authorities during Thursday's drug raid.

Learning law enforcement

First-person account of witnessing police in action.

I accepted the offer without hesitation. Lt. Cathi Collins of the Logansport Police Department called me into her second-floor office Wednesday, and even though I had broken no law as far as I knew, I was wondering what I had done wrong.

"I got something to ask you," she said. "All right," I said. "What is it?"

She proceeded to offer an invitation to join her and more than 30 other officers to serve arrest warrants. Not what I expected.

That is one great thing about being a reporter. It's a daily education, and Cathi Collins had just given me an opportunity to see first-hand what tactics drug task forces use to eradicate unsuspecting drug dealers.

I paid (still paying, technically) more than \$30,000 for a college education. With this job, the Pharos-Tribune pays me to learn about people, places and things.

Anyway, the briefing was at 4 a.m. Thursday. There I was yawning and heavy-eyed in a room full of police officers dressed in camouflage, strapped with hand guns on their sides, some with assault rifles, and all looking as serious as a house fire.

They already had their assignments so there were few questions before the

Hezbollah launches deepest attack yet

■ Top United Nations peacekeeping official says war could continue through August.

TYRE, Lebanon (AP) — Hezbollah launched a new kind of rocket Friday that made the deepest strike into Israel yet, rattling Israelis as their warplanes and artillery targeted guerrillas in attacks on apartment buildings and roads.

Lebanese officials said about 12 civilians died in the day's fighting; Israel said it killed 26 militants, raising to about 230 the total number killed in the campaign.

Hezbollah's launching of the new weapon unnerved Israelis, 500,000 of whom are already living in northern shelters because of rocket bombardments. The rocket firing was also likely to escalate a conflict now in its 18th day, with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice heading back to the Middle East this weekend to make a second attempt to resolve the crisis.

The guerrillas said they used the Khaibar-1 — named after the site of a historic battle between Islam's Prophet Muhammad and Jewish tribes in the Arabian peninsula — to strike the Israeli town of Afula.

"With this, the Islamic Resistance begins a new stage of fighting, challenge and confrontation with a strong determination and full belief in God's victory," Hezbollah said in a statement.

Five of the rockets crashed into empty fields outside Afula, causing no injuries. Still, Israel deployed a Patriot interceptor missile battery north of Tel Aviv, believing the area could be in range of Hezbollah's barrages.

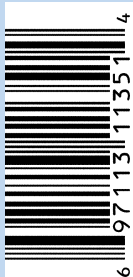
Israel said the Khaibar-1 rockets were renamed, Iranian-made Fajr-5s. They have four times the power and range of Katyusha rockets, making them able to hit Tel Aviv's northern outskirts.

Hundreds of Katyushas have hit northern Israel in the current fighting, including 96 on Friday, one of which hit a hospital. The Afula strike came two days after Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah vowed his guerrillas would fire rockets beyond

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